CLAIMS

1   1.   A method for tracking the status of a workflow, the method comprising:

2   generating a weblog to track an instance of the workflow, the workflow having a plurality

3   of workflow steps, each step performed by at least one member, each of the members having at

4   least one workflow role;

5   assigning the at least one member to the weblog; and

6   posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred.

1   2.   The method of claim 1 wherein the workflow action comprises the completion of a

2   workflow step.

1   3.   The method of claim 1 wherein the workflow action comprises the execution of a

2   workflow exception.

1   4.   The method of claim 1 further comprising posting an entry in a personal weblog to

2   indicate that the workflow action has occurred.

1   5.   The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a feed to an aggregator, the

2   aggregator receiving entries from the weblog and at least one other instance of a weblog.

1   6.   The method of claim 5 wherein providing a feed comprises providing an RSS feed from a

2   plurality of weblogs for a syndication.

1   7.   The method of claim 1 wherein the posting of an entry in the workflow weblog is made

2   in response to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.

1   8.   The method of claim 1 further comprising limiting the viewing of the contents of the

2   weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.

1   9.   The method of claim 8 wherein the predetermined users comprise one of the at least one

2   members assigned to the weblog.

1   10.   A computing system for tracking the status of a workflow, the computing system

2   comprising:

3   a display screen;

4   an input device to perform at least one of receiving a client request to generate a weblog

5   for tracking an instance of the workflow, indicating an assignment of a member to the weblog

6   and posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred; and

7   a server in communication with the display screen and the input device, the server

8   executing a server application to generate the weblog, to assign the member to the weblog and to

9   post an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred.

1   11.   The computing system of claim 10 further comprising a remote server in communication

2   with the server, the additional server storing a personal weblog and executing a server

3   application to modify the personal weblog.

1   12.   The computing system of claim 10 wherein the server generates a first instance of a

2   weblog and further comprising a remote server in communication with the server, the remote

3   server executing an aggregator application to receive at least one entry from the first instance of

4   a weblog and a second instance of a weblog.

1   13.   An apparatus for tracking the status of a workflow, the apparatus comprising:

2   means for generating a weblog to track an instance of the workflow, the workflow having

3   a plurality of workflow steps, each workflow step to be performed by at least one member, each

4   of the members having at least one workflow role;

5   means for assigning a member to the weblog; and

6   means for posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has occurred.

1   14.   The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising means for posting an entry in a personal

2   weblog to indicate that the workflow action has occurred.

1   15.   The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising means for providing a feed to an

2   aggregator, the aggregator receiving entries from the weblog and at least one other weblog.

1   16.   The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the means for posting an entry in the weblog is

2   responsive to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.

1   17.   The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising means for limiting the viewing of the

2   contents of a weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.

1   18.   A computer program product for use with a computer system, the computer program

2   product comprising a computer useable medium having embodied therein program code

3   comprising:

4   program code for generating a weblog to track an instance of a workflow;

5   program code for assigning a member to the weblog; and

6   program code for posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has

7   occurred.

1   19.   The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising program code for posting

2   an entry in a personal weblog to indicate that the workflow action has occurred.

1   20.   The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising program code for

2   providing a feed to an aggregator.

1 21.   The computer program product of claim 18 wherein the program code for posting an

2 entry in the weblog is responsive to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.

1 22.   The computer program product of claim 18 further comprising program code for limiting

2 the viewing of the contents of the weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.

1 23.   A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave for use with a computer system

2 having a display and capable of generating a user interface through which a user may interact

3 with the computer system, the computer data signal comprising:

4   program code for generating a weblog to track an instance of a workflow, the workflow

5 having a plurality of workflow steps, each workflow step to be performed by at least one

6 member, each of the members having at least one workflow role;

7   program code for assigning a member to the weblog; and

8   program code for posting an entry in the weblog to indicate that a workflow action has

9 occurred.

1 24.   The computer data signal of claim 23 wherein the workflow action is a completion of a

2 workflow step.

1 25.   The computer data signal of claim 23 wherein the workflow action is the execution of a

2 workflow exception.

1 26.   The computer data signal of claim 23 further comprising program code for posting an

2 entry in a personal weblog to indicate that the workflow action has occurred.

1 27.   The computer data signal of claim 23 further comprising program code for providing a

2 feed to an aggregator.

1   28.   The computer data signal of claim 23 wherein the program code for posting an entry in

2   the weblog comprises is responsive to a posting of an entry in a personal weblog.

1   29.   The computer data signal of claim 23 further comprising program code for limiting the

2   viewing of the contents of the weblog to a plurality of predetermined users.